

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2002  
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Bill Goins, Darrin McGowan, Brian Sheehan, John Byrne, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*, and Scott Murray, WKWH.

**MINUTES \* \* \***

Minutes of the August 6, 2002 meeting were presented for approval. Pavey made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT\*\***

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- The employee picnic and swim party was well attended. Bridges thanked those who donated food, drinks, grills, door prizes and money to make the event a success. Hopefully we can do it again next year;
- The Economic Development comprehensive plan is nearly complete. With the assistance of ARA a retreat was held. A C & A graph was introduced by Dave VanSloun and the Trane Company, but facilitated by Eric Frey. A working document was developed for the community to use as an Economic Development tool;
- On August 15, a meeting with state and local government met to discuss distance education for Rushville and Rush County. Rush/Shelby Energy has offered a temporary facility, a T-1 lines and a part-time facilitator, all of which are necessary to make a community attractive for CCS;
- A Bio-terrorism preparedness seminar was held in Rushville. SEMA representatives presented a PowerPoint presentation. It was agreed that the community has a basic plan in place, but there are some issues that still need to be addressed to be sufficiently prepared;
- September 15-19 is the annual IACT Conference in Indianapolis at the Westin. Bridges urged Council to attend if at all possible.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT \* \* \***

None.

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS \* \* \***

**Fire** – Clark reported that the ladder truck is back and is running well.

The Board of Works accepted the resignation of William Ratekin and will conduct interviews next week to replace the firefighter.

**Police** – Assistant Police Chief Mathews said that the Rushville Police Reserves were successful in fund raising enough money to purchase a car for their use.

The City Attorney is in the process of updating the abandon vehicle ordinance. Mathews said they have tagged 104 vehicles since January.

Burgess Mechanical replaced the compressor on the air conditioner at a cost of \$5,700.00.

### **CITIZEN'S CONCERNS \* \* \***

None.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS \* \* \***

**Housing Needs Assessment Public Hearing** – Mayor Bridges opened the meeting for a public hearing on the Housing Needs Assessment. Bridges introduced Trena Carter from Ara and Terry Killen from Gove Associates. Killen passed out a final draft of the Housing Needs Study.

Killen stated the study shows a need for approximately 44 new housing units. With the low income housing being the highest need, then mid income housing second, and the high income being the lowest need.

56% of the housing in the City was built before the 1940's.

Some of the items that need to be considered are:

- Assist the Elderly
- Utilize resources of Federal Home Loan Banking System
- Homelessness & Emergency Shelters
- Women & Housing
- Smart Growth

Killen asked for questions for the audience.

Goins asked about programs for minorities. He said we need to prepare for diversity.

Was asked how many bankers and realtors were involved in the survey. Killen said approximately 15 were involved.

Was asked to explain affordable housing trust fund. Killen said it was the types of funding available and tax credits available.

A citizen asked if all housing was surveyed. Killen stated that it was.

Bridges said there will be a copy of the draft of the study available at City Hall if anyone wished to see it.

The next step will be for Gove to meet with IHFA and then submit their draft to the State.

Someone asked if there was a program to implement high-income housing. Killen stated probably not.

There being no further questions or comments Bridges declared the public hearing closed.

**Salary Ordinance 2002-6** – Pavey made a motion to approve Salary Ordinance 2002-6 on third and final reading. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Elected Officials Salary Ordinance 2002-7** – Pavey made a motion to pass the Elected Officials Salary Ordinance on second reading. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS \* \* \***

**CommonWealth Engineers, Inc.** – Ruth Whyde gave a short presentation on their company and asked to be considered if the City was ever in need of their engineering services.

**Ordinance 2002-10 Amending Public Fire Protection Costs** – Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2002-10 on first reading. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried with Goins and Byrne voting in opposition to the motion.

**Claim Approval** – Pavey made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bridges passed out a sample Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Establishing a Fiber Technology Board of Directors for their review.

There being no further business to come before the Council. Goins made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

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WILLIAM R. GOINS, MEMBER

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DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

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BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

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JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

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MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER